

Official Ballot
Annual Town Election
Weare New Hampshire
March 11, 2008

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for
the ensuing year. (By official ballot)

For Selectman
Three Year Term
Vote for Two

Keith R. Lacasse	592*
Joshua Solomon	299
David (George) Bougher	517
Richard Butt	720*

(Write-in)
(Write-in)

For Moderator
Two Year Term
Vote for one

(Write-in) Neal Kurk	17
Laura Buono	28*

For Police Chief
Three Year Term
Vote for One

Gregory C. Begin	1238*
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(Write-in)

For Ethics Committee
Three Year Term
Vote for Two

Michelle Allison-Galligan	1066*
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(Write-in)
(Write-in)

For Ethics Committee
Two Year Term
Vote for One

(Write-in)

For Library Trustee
Three Year Term
Vote for One

Raymond J. Kelley	1129*
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(Write-in)

For Cemetery Trustee
Three Year Term
Vote for One

(Write-in) Rob Gordon	76*
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For Trustee of Trust Funds
Three Year Term
Vote for One

Frank A. Farmer	1203*
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(Write-in)

For Board of Fire-Wards
Non-Member Fire Dept.
Three Year Term
Vote for One

William F. Tiffany	1199*
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(Write-in)

For Board of Fire-Wards
Member Fire Dept
Three Year Term
Vote for One

David P. Hewey	1161*
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(Write-in)

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2**, as follows: Shall the Town amend the Zoning's Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article 14, Article 27 and Article 30 to encourage the preservation of important farmland in cluster developments and to clarify the density allocation in the Rural Conservation Overlay District. **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

Yes 1133

No 379

PASSED

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3**, as follows: Shall the Town amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article 3 to add a Right to Farm ordinance. **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

Yes 1227

No 274

PASSED

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4**, as follows: Shall the Town amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend article 34 in order to make changes to the regulation of signs in all zoning districts. **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

Yes 949

No 529

PASSED

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5**, as follows: Shall the Town amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article 22 to provide frontage requirements in the village districts and to establish standards for development in the Weare Center Village District. **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

Yes 1038

No 481

PASSED

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6**, as follows: Shall the Town amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article 3 to clarify how the planning board will determine when a project has earned a vested protection from subsequent zoning or other regulatory changes. **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

Yes 1034

No 416

PASSED

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No.7**, as follows: Shall the Town amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article 32 to require camouflaging of wireless telecommunications towers and to provide space for Town communications equipment. **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

Yes 1064

No 434

PASSED

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No.8**, as follows: Shall the Town amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Clarify, correct and make minor technical changes to certain sections of the zoning ordinance without changing the intent or effect of the ordinances. **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

Yes 1077

No 404

PASSED

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Nine Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00) for the purpose of constructing a new Public Works (Highway Department) and Transfer Station/Recycling facility and to authorize the issuance of not more than Nine Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00) in bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) to finance the project and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, issue, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof? (3/5 ballot vote required). **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)**

Yes 759

No 779

FAILED

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$435,000.00) for improvements at the Town's Bolton Field Memorial Complex for the purpose of: Increasing parking capacity, develop a vehicle and pedestrian management plan, develop a formal storm water management system and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$435,000.00) in bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) to finance the project and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, issue, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof? (3/5 ballot vote required). **(Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)**

Yes 246

No 1293

FAILED

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Four Million Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (4,658,578.00)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Four Million Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$4,529,870.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. **Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 734

No 803

FAILED

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$426,934.00) to be added and allocated to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds as shown in the chart below?

Cemetery Construction Fund	\$ 25,500.00
Fire Department Communication Fund	\$ 30,000.00
Library-Computer Replacement Fund	\$ 2,434.00
Highway Truck & Equipment Fund	\$ 210,000.00
Trash Compactor Replacement	\$ 37,000.00
Transfer Station Equipment Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Highway Communication Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Recreation Development & Improvement Fund	\$ 7,000.00
Police Communication Fund	\$ 30,000.00
Police Cruiser Fund	\$ 65,000.00

(All the items listed in this article are part of the Town's Capital Improvement Program)
(**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 817

No 712

PASSED

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$286,500.00) to be placed in the previously established Government Buildings and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund?

(**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 768

No 754

PASSED

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00) for road reconstruction and resurfacing of roads? Of the \$390,000.00, the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$238,572.45) would be received from Highway Block Grant Funds from the State of New Hampshire (Pursuant to RSA 235) with One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$151,427.55) to be raised by taxation. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1221

No 347

PASSED

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to cover the costs of the Town's participation in one (1) local Household Hazardous Waste Collection in 2008? This warrant article has been designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Special Warrant Article so that the funds, if approved, may not be transferred for any other purposes. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1200

No 365

PASSED

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to have a Town Buildings Needs Assessment conducted to evaluate the current condition of Town facilities and to anticipate and plan for the future needs of the Town and how to meet those needs, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of this amount from the undesignated fund balance as of December 31, 2007? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the needs assessment is completed or by December 31, 2010, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 702

No 846

FAILED

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars (\$80,085.00) to hire two (2) new full-time Fire Fighter / EMT's to cover eight (8) hours per day during the week Monday – Friday? The \$80,085.00 includes wages, benefits, equipment, uniforms and training to cover **the last 6 months of this fiscal year (2008)**. If approved, future funding for this position will be included in and become a part of the Fire/Ambulance Department Operating Budget on a full fiscal year (12 months) basis. (**Not Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 547

No 1013

FAILED

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Twenty-Three Dollars (\$23,023.00) to provide funding to staff the Ambulance Department during Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays for eight hours per day with two EMTs using present staff? The \$23,023.00 includes wages to cover **the last 6 months of this fiscal year (2008)**. If approved, future funding for this position will be included in and become a part of the Fire/Ambulance Department Operating Budgets on a full fiscal year (12 months) basis. **(Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)**

Yes 582

No 983

FAILED

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$92,000.00) for the purpose of hiring two (2) additional full-time Weare Police Officers? The above stated amount will cover a **nine-month cost** of salary, benefits, uniforms, equipment and training. If approved, future funding for this position will be included in and become a part of the Weare Police Department operating budget on a full fiscal year (12 months) basis. **(Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)**

Yes 323

No 1241

FAILED

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$3,700) for the purpose of making repairs to walkways and improvements to the fire alarm system as cited in the 2006 safety inspection, and to repair masonry on the exterior of the Weare Public Library, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the transfer of this amount from the undesignated fund balance as of December 31, 2007? This warrant article has been designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Special Warrant Article so that the funds, if approved, shall be non-lapsing and may not be transferred for any other purposes. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)**

Yes 1165

No 399

PASSED

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand, Twenty Eight Dollars (\$57,028.00) needed to implement a new personnel pay scale for full and part-time Town employee positions, exclusive of Fire Department personnel, stipended personnel, and those positions subject to a collective bargaining (labor union) agreement or other contracts? If approved this amount will cover nine months of this fiscal year 2008 and will be allocated among the positions subject to this new pay scale and become part of future Operating Budgets on a full fiscal year basis. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)**

Yes 779

No 790

FAILED

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for cemetery improvements? This sum to be withdrawn from Cemetery Trust Funds Cy Pres Account. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1018

No 519

PASSED

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing fireworks for the 2008 Weare Patriotic Celebration? This warrant article has been designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Special Warrant Article so that the funds, if approved, may not be transferred for any other purposes. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1011

No 532

PASSED

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of purchasing conservation easements in the name of the Piscataquog Watershed Association on approximately 175 acres in the Melvin Valley Area? The Town will have an executory interest and enforcement rights in these conservation easements. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 706

No 821

FAILED

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (30,000.00) to be placed in the Community Access TV Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? This is the amount anticipated to be received from the Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast as a capital payment for the purchase of Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) access equipment. The amount deposited into the Community Access TV Equipment Fund will not exceed the amount of money actually received from the Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 870

No 659

PASSED

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the already existing Employee Retirement Capital Reserve Fund? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 784

No 744

PASSED

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town modify the purposes of the existing Capital Reserve Fund established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and titled the Government Building and Maintenance Fund so as to include the following purposes: maintenance, repairs, capital improvements, and professional studies to/for Town buildings. (2/3 vote required for passage). (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1003

No 520

PASSED

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town establish an Agricultural Commission pursuant to NH Statute 674:44-e,f, and g to consist of five members appointed by the Selectmen for staggered three-year terms? The initial appointments being 1) one-year term, 2) two-year terms, and 2) three-year terms. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 966

No 546

PASSED

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease with Sugar & Spice Preschool, Inc. for property located at 8 High Street and further, to authorize the Selectmen to renew said lease for periods not in excess of three years each subject to such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the town? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1218

No 308

PASSED

ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town place into Conservation two (2) adjoining landlocked Town-owned parcels adjacent to N.H. Fish and Game Perkin's Pond Wildlife Management Area to be managed by the Weare Conservation Commission for open space and natural resource values and named Mt Misery Conservation Area? Said parcels containing 25 +/- acres are map 407 lot 127 and map 410 lot 56. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1258

No 282

PASSED

ARTICLE 31

Shall the Town place into Town Forest four (4) Town-owned parcels adjacent to existing Ferrin Pond conservation lands to be managed by the Weare Conservation Commission for open space and natural resource values? Said parcels containing 40 +/- acres are map 407 lots 156, 157, 160, and 161. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1255

No 280

PASSED

ARTICLE 32

Shall the Town place into Town Forest twelve (12) Town-owned parcels for the purpose of conservation adjacent to or near existing Ferrin Pond conservation lands to be managed by the Weare Conservation Commission for open space and natural resource values? Said parcels containing 43 +/- acres are map 410 lots 3, 4, 243, 249, 250, 252, 255, 263, 264, 267, 268, and 270. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1243

No 290

PASSED

ARTICLE 33

Shall the Town place into Conservation two (2) adjoining Town-owned parcels previously donated by Mr. Gordon Russell for the purpose of conservation adjacent to existing Ferrin Pond conservation lands to be managed by the Weare Conservation Commission for open space and natural resource values? Said parcels containing 6 +/- acres are map 410 lots 247 and 248. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1267

No 268

PASSED

ARTICLE 34

Shall the Town approve the changing of the name, but not the purpose of, the previously established and currently active Fire and Rescue Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund to "Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund"? The reason for this name change is to be able to better distinguish this fund from the identically named Special Revenue Fund. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1282

No 261

PASSED

ARTICLE 35

Shall the Town amend Article 33 of the Town Meeting Warrant of 1986 to change the appointing agent of the members of the Weare Economic Development Authority from the Town Moderator to the Board of Selectmen. All other provisions of the original Article will remain the same and in full effect. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes 1135

No 366

PASSED

ARTICLE 36

Shall the Town of Weare raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$16,769.00) to change the part time Building Department Secretary's position to a full time position, beginning on April 4, 2008. This position would be included in the Building Department budget for a full twelve months for future budgeting purposes. Due to continued growth in The Town of Weare, this position would provide full time coverage in the Building Department. Should a raise be approved for all town employees, this position will be increased by a similar percentage to keep the position on par with the rest of the employees. **By Petition. (Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)**

Yes 387

No 1154

FAILED

ARTICLE 37

Shall the Town of Weare vote to amend the current 75% deposit to 100% of the Revenues of all future payments collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:7 (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II?

By Petition. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Yes 337

No 1175

FAILED

ARTICLE 38

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for the property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy systems, which exemption shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the solar energy systems. In order to show Weare's support for the use of renewable energy, the following warrant article proposes to offer a partial tax exemption for those Weare taxpayers who utilize a solar energy system. The intent of the tax exemption is to alleviate the additional tax burden created by installing a solar energy system. Solar energy systems are expensive, and people who make the decision to install are primarily motivated by the larger social issue of energy consumption. Similar tax exemptions already exist in 62 towns in New Hampshire. If instituted, the positive tax implication on each taxpayer in Weare will be about 1/100 of 1%. **By Petition**

Yes 804

No 729

PASSED

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our Senator and our governor: Resolved: We the citizens of Weare, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State Leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. **By Petition**

Yes 855

No 651

PASSED

